

Memo

Date: 05/21/2010

To: Interim Town Manager Connie Hoffman

cc: Interim Assistant Town Manager Bud Bentley

From: Don Prince, Director of Municipal Services

Re: Operation Deepwater Horizon

The Florida Emergency Operation Center (EOC) has been activated and is at Level 2 (partial) with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as the lead agency in handling the threat of oil to Florida's beaches and coastline.

The Governor has declared a State of Emergency (Executive Order No. 10-99 & 10-100), making it possible for Broward and other counties to recover funds related to the oil spill. The Broward EOC is closely working with the FDEP to monitor the situation. After speaking with the County EOC, I was advised – at least for now -- that BP Oil and the Coast Guard would take the lead in any oil clean-up effort.

If it becomes necessary for the Town to provide support for any clean-up effort, we have contracts with Beach Raker, Grubbs and PBS&J. I contacted Grubbs and PBS&J and advised them their services may be required if BP or the Coast Guard requests our help. Both Grubbs and PBSJ are ready to respond in less than 24 hours once a Notice to Proceed is issued by the Town. Grubbs has already pre-positioned its equipment in the area and is ready to assist us.

Beach Raker, the Town's contractor for beach clean-up, has been monitoring the beach very closely. Beach Raker is working with Wesley Cich of the Department of Environmental Protection and has a preliminary plan in place should tar balls wash up on our beach. If a large amount of tar balls come ashore, a Barber Surf Rake will be used to gather all the seaweed, tar balls and debris into piles, which will then be removed for proper disposal.

Town staff will continue to monitor the situation and make preparations for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill should it become necessary for us to take action.